of the concerned District Implementing Agency and the State Govt. for compliance of principles; (ii) 10% of the estimated cost of the scheme (5% in case of SC/ST Gram Panchayat/Villages where 50% of the population is SC/ST) is paid by the community in cash as their contibution to the implementing agencies.

(c) Balasore, Ganjam and Sundargah Districts of Orissa were adopted under Sector Reform Projects for provision of water. The project allocation earmarked and the progress in this direction is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

District	Approved Project Cost	Funds Released	Reported Expenditure
Balasore	40.00	11.22	2.68
Ganjam	40.00	11.22	1.49
Sundargarh	40.00	11.22	9.07

Financial assistance to Orissa under land reforms assistance

160. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHIR B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that for the last three years, Central Government has not given financial assistance to the State Government of Orissa unde Land Reforms Assistance; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and further plans to provide such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Under the Land Reforms programme, two Centrally Sponsored Schemes *viz;* Computerisation of Land Records (100% funded by the Central Government) and Strenghening of Revenue Administration & Updating of Land Records (50:50 sharing basis between the centre and the State Government) are under implementation in the State of orissa. The financial assistance given to Orissa State under the Scheme of Computerisation of Land Records during the last three years is given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Funds released
2000-2001	3.88
2001-2002	6.57
2002-2003	6.58
TOTAL:	17.03

However, under the Scheme of Strenghening of Revenue Administration and Updating of Land Records, the State Government of Orissa has not submitted any proposal for release of funds on 50:50 sharing basis for the last three years.

(b) Question does not arise.

Conference of State Ministers of Rural Development Panchayati Raj and Public Works

161. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a two day conference of the state Ministers of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Public Works was held recently in New Delhi to take stock of the various development programmes being implemented by this Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the discussion took place and conclusion arrived at;

(c) whether some state Ministers had complained of indifferent attitude of the Nationalised banks in sanctioning of the loans to the applicants particularly under the Swarna Jayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SJGSY); and

(d) if so, the details and what remedial action have been taken by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) Yes, Sir, a two day Conference of the State Ministers of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj